

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Fourth Sunday of Easter



THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

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1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
 6. And so through all the length of days Your

1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
 3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
 4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
 6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
 3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
 6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
 by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Invocation and Kyrie

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. Amen.

Reading 1

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice, and proclaimed:
“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain
that God has made both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified.”
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,
and they asked Peter and the other apostles,
“What are we to do, my brothers?”
Peter said to them,
“Repent and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is made to you and to your children
 and to all those far off,
 whomever the Lord our God will call.”
 He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,
 “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”
 Those who accepted his message were baptized,
 and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
 beside restful waters he leads me;
 he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths
 for his name’s sake.
 Even though I walk in the dark valley
 I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
 With your rod and your staff
 that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
 in the sight of my foes;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
 all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
 for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2

1 PT 2:20B-25

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,
 this is a grace before God.
 For to this you have been called,
 because Christ also suffered for you,
 leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.
 He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.
 When he was insulted, he returned no insult;
 when he suffered, he did not threaten;
 instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.
 He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,
 so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
 By his wounds you have been healed.
 For you had gone astray like sheep,
 but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
 I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel
JN 10:1-10

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.
But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
When he has driven out all his own,
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,
because they recognize his voice.
But they will not follow a stranger;
they will run away from him,
because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”
Although Jesus used this figure of speech,
the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.
So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you,
I am the gate for the sheep.
All who came before me are thieves and robbers,
but the sheep did not listen to them.
I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find pasture.
A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Following the Gospel, spend some time reflecting on the readings, or listen to a homily from a Catholic priest or deacon that has been recorded for this purpose. Go [HERE](#) for the video homily Fr. Richard has provided for today.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

[At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.]

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

General Intercessions

The Lord is our shepherd and the guardian of our souls. Confident in His love for us, let us offer to Him our prayers for the Church, the world and all who are in need.

For all leaders of the Church: that the Holy Spirit will enable them to follow the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all Christians throughout the world: that as followers of Jesus, who came that all might have life and have it more abundantly, we may actively oppose abortion, euthanasia, and all assaults on human dignity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our parish: that we might listen to the voice of our Shepherd when He calls to us, and always follow after Him, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick, those who suffer, and all who walk in the valley of darkness, especially for those who suffer from the effects of COVID 19: that the rod and staff of the Good Shepherd will protect them, and His presence give them comfort and healing, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed: that they will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, God of eternal mercy, through your Son we enter into your kingdom, and come in and go out and find pasture. Hear our prayers and grant them according to your holy will, through your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Since receiving the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is not possible at this time, make a Spiritual Communion by using the following prayer:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Closing Collect

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A closing hymn follows:

Shepherd of Souls



1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless
2. We would not live by bread a - lone,
3. Be known to us in break - ing bread,
4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine;



Your cho - sen pil - grim flock With man - na in the
But by your word of grace, In strength of which we
But do not then de - part; Sav - ior, a - bide with
Your Bod - y and your Blood, That liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on To our a - bid - ing place.
us, and spread Your ta - ble in our heart.
heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food.

